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Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman, and Honorable Commissioners Michael O'Rielly, Brendan Carr, Jessica Rosenworcel, and Geoffrey Starks  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*Reference: WT Docket No. 17-200, In the Matter of Review of the Commission's Rules Governing the 896-901/935-940 MHz Band*

Dear Chairman Pai and Commissioners O'Rielly, Carr, Rosenworcel and Starks:

The Commission's recent Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to re-align the 900 MHz band for broadband services is a significant, positive step forward for our company. Tait Communications N.A. is a vendor of wireless communications equipment that provides infrastructure for mission critical voice networks and integrated solutions that includes interoperability between Land Mobile Radio and LTE networks. Applications include Mission Critical Push to Talk, Telemetry, and other integrated solutions that ensure the safety of our customer's employees and the public. Our critical infrastructure clients include some of the largest utilities in the United States. Those utilities are now seeking solutions for broadband services that can be deployed quickly with limited development costs. With the 900 MHz band as a private broadband option, our clients' industrial requirements could be met in a time frame that is consistent with their need for a standard platform for wireless communications. It would also allow us to expand our Private LTE offerings, our integrated narrowband and broadband solutions, and to continue the future development and constant innovation in wireless equipment at scale.

The 900 MHz band offers our clients an opportunity to pursue a range of capabilities and options that not only will help the utility industry, but very likely will help other industries that are similarly situated. Through the evolution of the Industrial IoT marketplace, the availability of private networks that can meet our safety and security needs and the global scale of LTE development, we believe that moving the 900 MHz band to market can be transformative.

We applaud the Commission for its efforts in this proceeding to date but suggest that speed is key. Accordingly, we respectfully request that you move quickly to facilitate the retuning and clearing of this band so that the potential benefits of this broadband option are immediately available for our critical infrastructure clients.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is "Jeff McElroy" and the second is "Ross Spearman".

Jeff McElroy, Global Vice President Utilities

Ross Spearman, Chief Technology Officer